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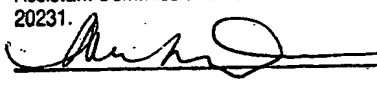
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**PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

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**EMBOLECTOMY CATHETER**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

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**TECHNICAL FIELD**

The present invention relates to a catheter. More specifically, the present invention relates to an embolectomy catheter.

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**BACKGROUND ART**

A thrombus is a clot of blood formed within a blood vessel and remains attached to its place of origin. An embolism is the obstruction of a blood vessel by a foreign or abnormal particle. The occasion of such a thrombosis or  
20 embolism within hospitalized patients is one of the leading causes of death.

A number of different embolus extraction devices have been proposed over the past few years. U.S. Pat. No. 4,406,671 to Weinrib, shows a catheter with a coiled tip section that is arranged for insertion into a blood vessel. This coil is linearly stretchable, so as to minimize its outside diameter, and when  
5 pulled proximally through an embolus, is expected to scoop clot material from the blood vessel.

A further device is shown in U.S. Pat. No. 4,762,130 to Fogarty et al., showing a catheter with a corkscrew-like balloon. Removal of the inflated  
10 balloon is supposed to remove clot material from the blood vessel within which the helical balloon resides.

A further balloon catheter device is shown in U.S. Pat. No. 5,112,347 to Taheri, which discloses an embolectomy catheter having a balloon on its distal  
15 end. A plurality of circumferentially disposed fingers are spaced within the balloon, each finger having a proximal end. The proximal end, when the balloon is deflated, defines a proximally extending scoop, which, during the withdrawal thereof, captures emboli therewithin.

20 It is an object of the present invention to provide an embolectomy catheter which does not utilize a balloon for the retrieval of material from within the blood vessel.

It is yet a further object of the present invention to provide an embolectomy catheter, which permits the distribution of medicaments before, during, or after removal of any clots from a vessel.

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### DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Generally, the present invention provides an embolectomy catheter and method of using the same. The catheter is very flexible and includes a tip that can have either a rotating or fixed tip cone shape. The parts of the catheter are made of materials known to those of skill in the art that are sufficient to perform the method of the present invention.

The rotating tip/cone head mechanically breaks up the clot/thrombus. The head is made of a material known to those of skill in the art that is sufficient to break up a clot. The head is shown in more detail in the attached drawings.

The present invention comprises an embolectomy catheter, utilizable for the removal of an embolus from a body artery or vein. Such a catheter is made from a polymeric material or other materials known to those of skill in the art.

A detailed description of the embolectomy catheter is set forth in Appendix A included herewith and incorporated by reference in its entirety.

5        Throughout this application, various publications, including United States patents, are referenced by author and year, and patents, by number. Full citations for the publications are listed below. The disclosures of these publications and patents in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference into this application in order to more fully describe the state of the  
10    art to which this invention pertains.

The invention has been described in an illustrative manner, and it is to be understood that the terminology that has been used is intended to be in the nature of words of description rather than of limitation.

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Obviously, many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the described invention, the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described.

## **APPENDIX A**



### Embolectomy Catheter

This device is particularly useful for cerebral vasculature, i.e. Basilar artery stem, and Middle central artery or Main stem of Internal carotid artery. Acute thrombosis of cerebral vasculature by an embolus or thrombus is major cause of acute CNS stroke. Currently there are 5 devices in trial using , laser , ultrasound, wire cage device, and venturi catheter etc. These are in addition to trials of thrombolytic agents e.g. TPA, pro-urokinase and low molecular weight Heparin etc.

Currently designed embolectomy devices are rigid, bulky, and very expensive, and they do not have control over distal migration of broken thrombi.

Currently available thrombolytic agents do not consistently lyse the blood clots, due to various different types of clot and their fibrin/platelet content.

Embolectomy catheter concept designed by Dr. B. Mehta of Henry Ford Hospital, offers a new tool to fight the acute stroke. The microcatheter is 2 FR; very flexible, and has a rotating or fix tip cone shape, with grooves on the surface. The cone shaped , grooved head rotates on a corkscrew segment of guide wire. The distal tip of guidewire has a soft hydrophilic expandible plunger which prevents distal migration of macerated fragments.

The rotating tip/cone head mechanically breaks up the clot/thrombus. Besides that the short segment of catheter behind the coupling joint also has grooved outer surface, which also contains perfusion sideholes.

The catheter can be perfused by saline or mixture of thrombolytic agents in a spray fashion.

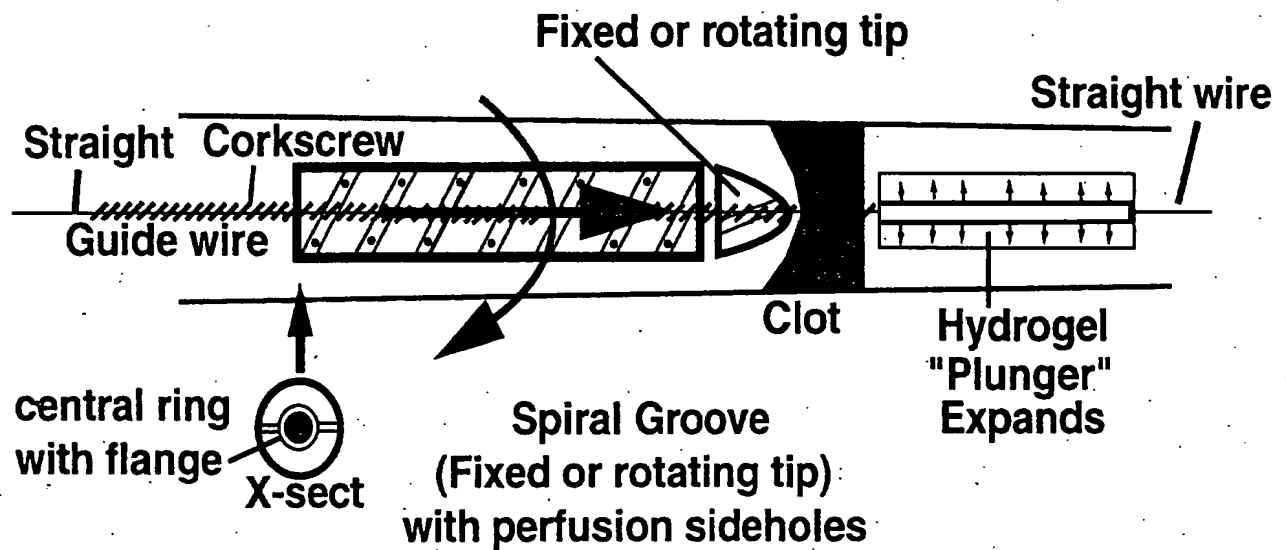
This device makes use of mechanical and chemical agents to dissolve the thrombus and hydrogel plunger prevents distal migration. Vigorous suction by co-axial 6FR. Catheter and withdrawal of the entire device with fully hydrated hydrogel plunger will bring back the undesirable blood product back into the co-axial catheter, with maintenance of patency of previously occluded artery.

Multiple roles played by this flexible device has a significant potential for a marketable medical device. Although primarily designed for central vasculature, the device can be safely utilized in other organs e.g. coronary artery or limb vessels.

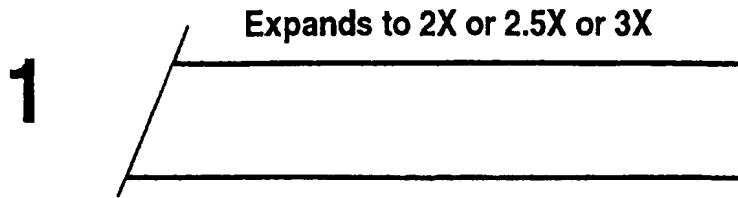
If successfully designed and produced, there are vendors available to produce prototype models for animal trials.

Market – commercial potential is significant because of simplicity of design; multi-task application and prevalence of medical problem at large. More than 50,000 units can be sold per year in U.S. market alone! for treatment of embolectomy in cerebral, coronary and limb vasculature.

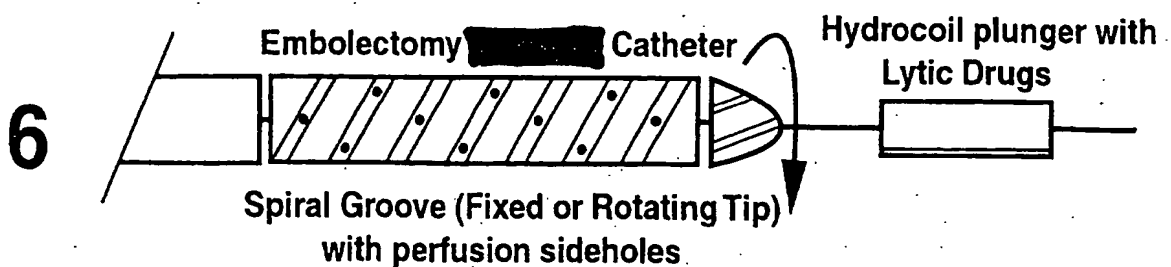
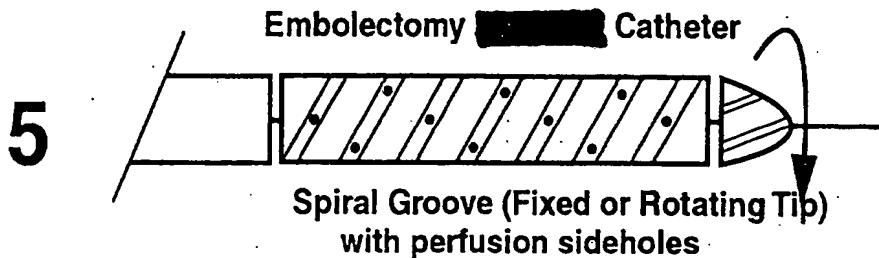
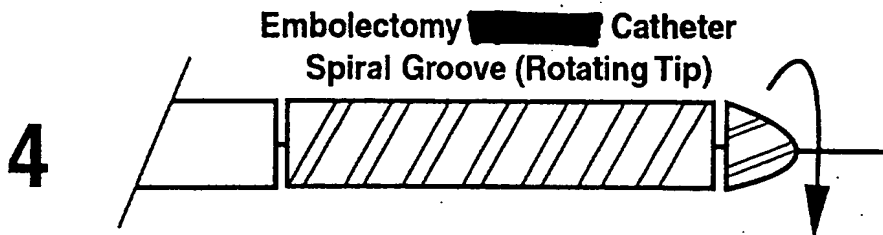
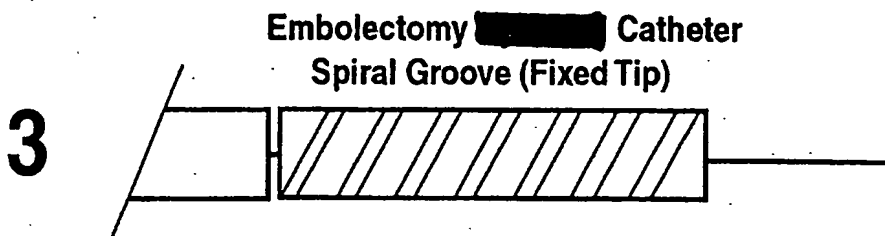
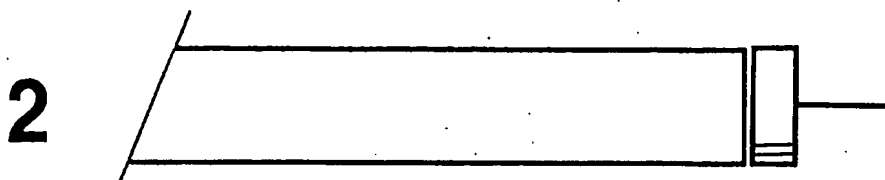
# Embolectomy Catheter



# Simple Unibody Hydrogel Catheter



## Regular Microcatheter with "Platform Ring" at the top



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